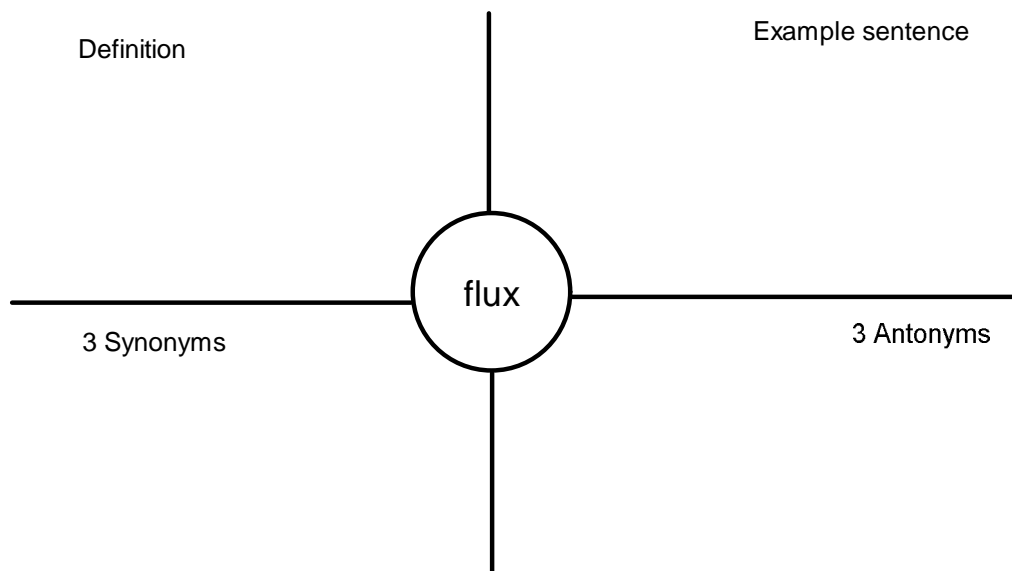


Vocabulary Words Chapter 8 & 9



Introducing Khao I Dang

<http://www.websitesrcg.com/border/index.html>

Over the years there were many camps along the Thai / Cambodian border.

There were 5 significant population movements that created new camps and sometimes destroyed old camps:

Starting in 1975 with those fleeing the Khmer Rouge when they took power, followed in 1979 by those fleeing starvation and the advancing Vietnamese army, followed by those affected by the 1984/85 Vietnamese offensive along the Thai border, followed by those fleeing the 1997 coup by Hun Sen and finally followed by the remnants of the Khmer Rouge in 1998.

The last border camp closed in 1999.

Khao-I-Dang was the oldest and most enduring camp on the border. It opened Nov. 21, 1979 and closed in 1992 during the UNTAC repatriation when all remaining residents were moved to Site II to await their personal repatriation.

During its peak period, 1979-1985, Khao I Dang was sometimes the equivalent of Site II / 2 in population but the population was in flux and transit, some going to third countries, some only seeking shelter until they could see what the future would bring.

KID became a unique camp on the border, it was the only camp not controlled by one of the resistance factions, it was a UNHCR / Thai Ministry Of Interior camp, its residents were recognised as "Refugees" and were entitled to a higher level of protection, care and nutrition than people in the UNBRO administered camps (not a criticism of UNBRO, the Thais ultimately decided what UNBRO was allowed to do). Khao I Dang was also the only camp whose residents were eligible for resettlement in third countries.

ICRC chose Khao I Dang for their first border surgical hospital where acute trauma patients were cared for, this was initially war wounded but came to be dominated by landmine victims.



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1. Who did Dara get to help Baby?
2. Why did Jantu and Baby have to go to Khao I Dang?
3. What did Jantu give Dara before she left?
4. Where did Dara go to find her family?
5. Describe Dara's journey.
6. What do you think will happen next?

